

F-4-60  
Wolf/Sears Catalog House  
Wolfsville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1912

The Wolf/Sears Catalog House is a circa 1912 1-1/2 story frame house built with pre-cut materials and design provided through the Sears, Roebuck and Company catalog. It has a gambrel roof with cross ridges adorned with metal cresting and patterned slate, leaded transoms above 1/1 sash, polygonal bay windows, german siding, and a one-story porch with Composite order capitals. The house replaces an earlier log dwelling on the Wolf farmstead, established in the mid-19th century. The other buildings are a circa 1850-75 frame bank barn and several chicken houses dating from the first quarter of the 20th century. The house is principally significant for its integrity; it retains most of its original plan and materials intact. The porch has been extended, joining the originally two sections of porch on the south and east elevations, and the kitchen has been remodeled. A pass-through opening to the dining room has been closed off, but the columned arch at the entrance to the parlor and the paneled staircase and doors are original. The Sears design is No. 113, which appeared in the catalogs for 1911-1913.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: Sears, Roebuck & Co. Catalog No. 113, 1911-1913

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wolf/Sears Catalog House

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 3530 Garfield Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Wolfsville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles W. &amp; Evelyn Hessong

street &amp; number 3530 Garfield Road telephone no.:

city, town Smithsburg state and zip code Md. 21783

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 487

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 258

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-60

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Wolf/Sears Catalog House is a circa 1912 Sears, Roebuck & Company catalog house, Design No. 113, with 1-1/2 stories, a gambrel roof with metal cresting on the side gables, a second story bay window with a leaded glass transom, and a one-story porch which extends across two elevations. The house replaced an earlier dwelling on a farmstead established in the early to mid 19th century located on the north side of Garfield Road just west of Pleasant Valley Road in the vicinity of Wolfsville, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead's other buildings include a frame bank barn of the third quarter of the 19th century, a frame, two-section chicken house of the first quarter of the 20th century, several frame chicken houses in a group located west of the dwelling, and a non-contributing concrete block garage.

The house has german siding and the roof is patterned slate on the sides of the cross gables and standing seam metal overall. The porch, as shown in the attached copy from Stevenson and Jandl's Houses by Mail, was originally two separate sections which were joined by a corner extension prior to 1950. The porch columns are Composite order. The window surrounds are molded and the leaded glass transoms also appear in the east elevation windows grouped as three on the first story. The sash is 1/1. The north elevation has an enclosed shed porch with german siding, probably added soon after the house was built. The enclosure was built after 1950. The interior plan of the house closely matches the original design. A pass-through opening between the kitchen and the dining room was closed off and the kitchen has been remodeled. The original oak and chestnut paneling of the staircase and the columned arch between the parlor and the reception hall are as built, and most trim and doors on the second level are also original.

### Outbuildings:

**Barn:** The frame bank barn predates the house, having been built about the third quarter of the 19th century. It has a standing seam roof and vertical siding. The stall level on the east elevation is enclosed with flush wood boards. A wagon shed was built on the south gable end of the barn in the late 19th or early 20th century.

**Two-section chicken house:** This is a one-story frame building located north of the barn. It has two opposing, shed-roofed sections with the higher roof of the northern part forming a sort of clerestory with windows facing south. The exterior is covered with vertical siding and the roof on both sections is standing seam metal. A single 6/6 window is located in the east elevation and the vertical board door is at the northeast corner. The chicken house probably dates from about 1910-1925.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** C. 1911 **Builder/Architect** Sears Catalog Design #113

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Wolf/Sears Catalog House is principally significant as an excellent, little-altered example of the catalog houses provided by the Sears, Roebuck and Company from 1908 to 1940. Design No. 113 was built possibly by Henry Lee Wolf about 1912 to replace an earlier log dwelling on the Wolf farmstead, which had been established in the mid-19th century. The design appeared in the catalogs dated 1911 through 1913. The Wolf house is exceptionally intact, retaining most interior features and trim and even has the original claw-foot tub installed when the house was finished. Although many Sears houses exist in Frederick County, a complete inventory has not been accomplished. Currently, the only other Sears house yet inventoried is the H.T. Beans House (F-2-81) in Brunswick, an early 1940's house probably built according to the design called the "Maplewood" which appeared in the 1932-33 catalogs. Many examples are located in the southern part of the Middletown Valley, where proximity to the electric railway and the B&O Railroad lines made delivery of the pre-cut materials for the catalog houses convenient and economical. The closeness of the Wolf farm to Smithsburg in Washington County, on the Western Maryland Railroad line, makes it likely that the materials were delivered to that point and brought by wagon to the site.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-60

Hessong, Mr. & Mrs. C.W., personal interview, May 4, 1992  
Land Records of Frederick County  
Stevenson, Katherine C., and H. Ward Jandl. Houses By Mail, Washington, D.C. The  
Preservation Press, 1986, p. 312.  
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Myersville, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres encompassing the dwelling, barn, and chicken houses on  
Tax Map 17, Parcel 4.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning &amp; Zoning Dept. date May 1992

street &amp; number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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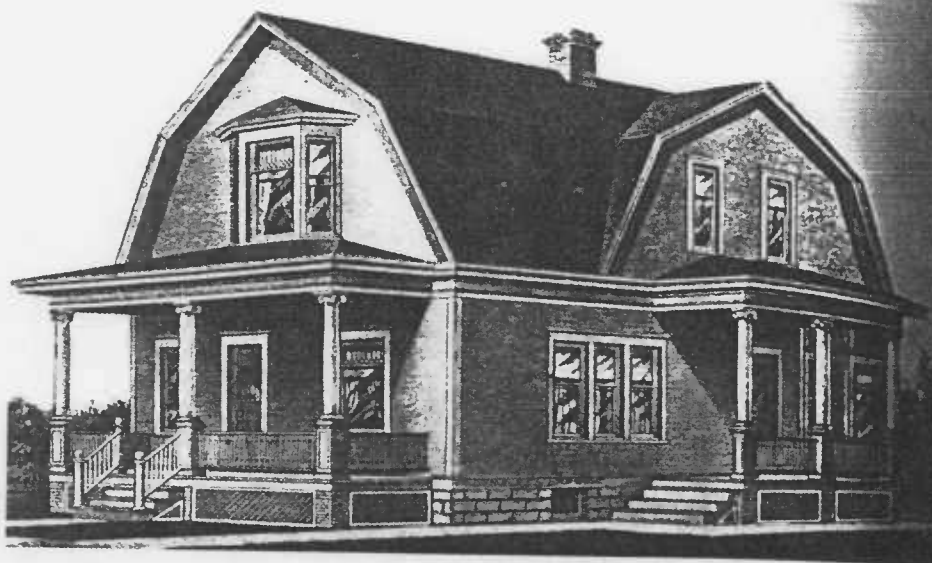
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7.1 Description (Continued)

Grouped chicken houses: In a pasture west of the dwelling is a line of approximately 6 frame chicken houses which may also date from the first quarter of the 20th century. They have vertical siding and most have shed standing seam roofs.



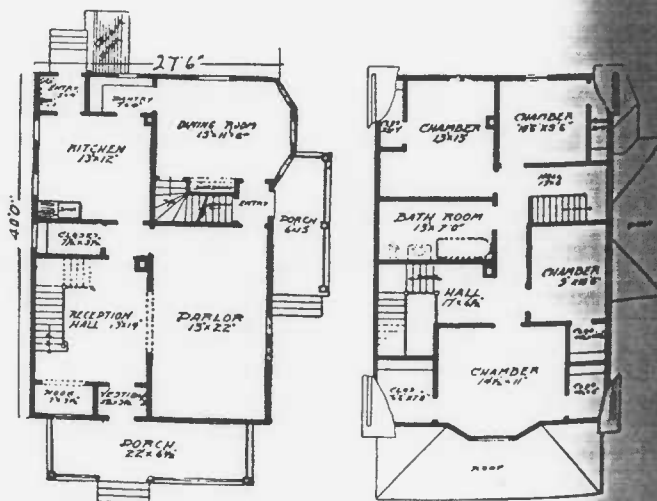
A modern house with a gambrel roof, large front porch and side porch. The side entrance makes it very convenient for a city or suburban residence or country home. The side porch could be very easily arranged to open up to a driveway which might be made directly at the side of the house. The rooms are very conveniently arranged.

Details and features: Seven rooms and one bath. Full-width front porch with hipped roof supported by columns; side porch; bay window in front gable. Nook off hall; pantry off dining room; open stairs.

Years and catalog numbers: 1911 (113); 1912 (113); 1913 (113)

Price: \$1,062 to \$1,270

Locations: Dwight, Ill.; Springfield, Mass.; Dunbar and Harrisburg, Pa.



Gambrel roof



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Elevation drawing & floor plan from  
Houses by Mail

Years and catalog numbers: 1911 (113); 1912 (113); 1913 (113)

Price: \$582 to \$1,000

Locations: Glenbrook, Ill.; Burlington, Wis.



A design that is practical and yet contains a reception hall is up three feet six inches.

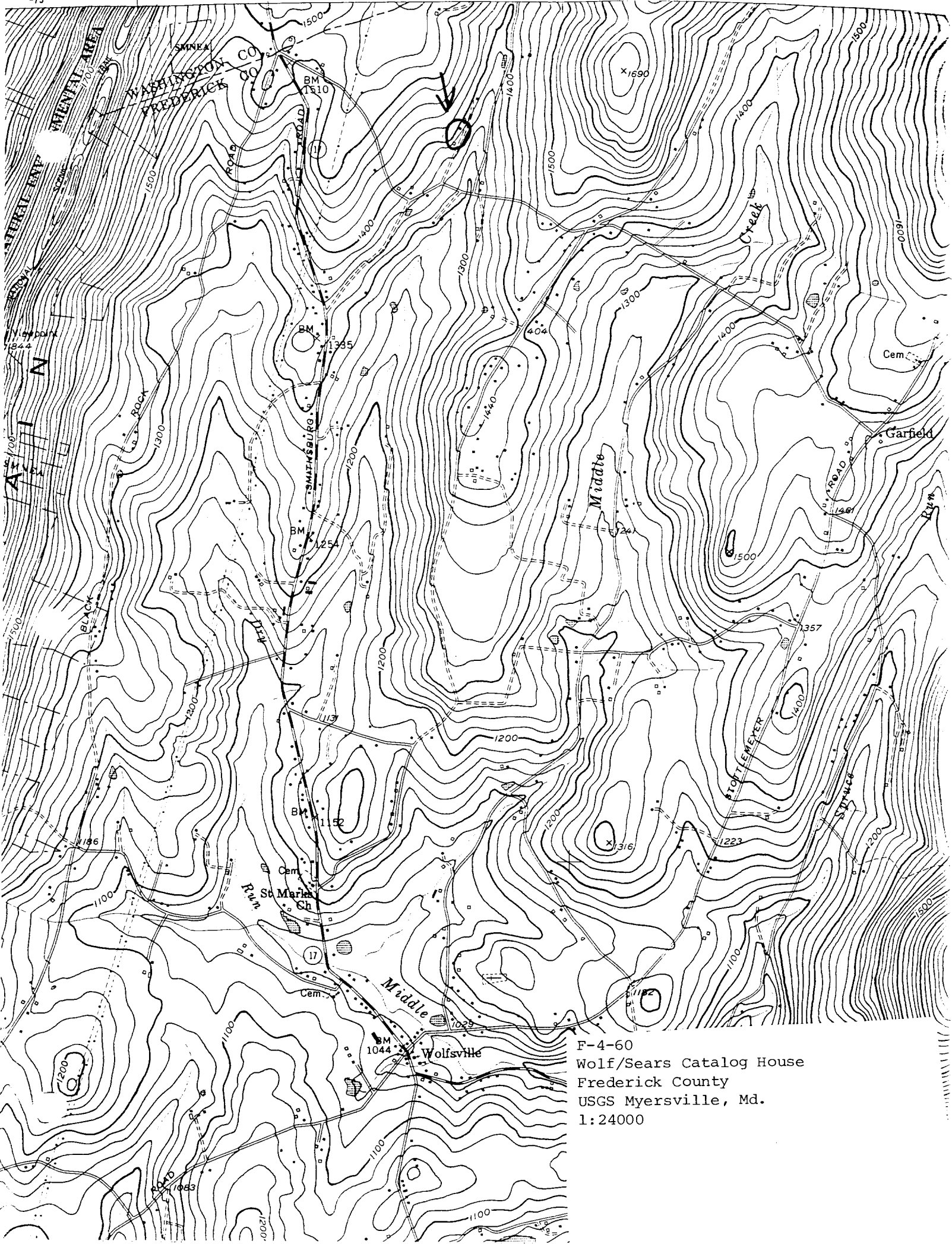
Details and features: bay window in front gable between living and dining room.

Years and catalog numbers: 1911 (113); 1912 (113); 1913 (113)



LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
487/258 18 Jul 50	Charles W. & Evelyn R. Hesson	Thomas S. & Elizabeth S. Kelly	77A.		
460/465 4 Mar 47	Thomas S. & Elizabeth S. Kelly	Mildred R. Wolf & Pauline L. Stine	77A.		
457/325 9 Oct 46	Mildred R. Wolf & Pauline L. Stine	Benjamin M. Bowman <del>et al</del>	77A.		
444/231 14 Oct 44	Benjamin M. Bowman	Clifford W. & Mildred R. Wolf	77A.		
441/573 3 Apr 44	Clifford W. & Mildred R. Wolf	Loy N. Belf & Daniel W. Cross, exec of Henry Lee Wolf	77A. 1. 322/210, 13 Mar 1885 2. 322/231, 23 Mar 1908	\$6550	

Original house location



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USGS Myersville, Md.  
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Wolf, Sears & Catalpa Fls.

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Neg. 4. Mid. 440, Chompa 12 4/5

Southwest corner 1000

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Wolf/Seal - Cota's Her.

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

May 1992

Near 1/2 Md. 2000, Cota's Her.

Northeast corner of

2 1/2





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Wolf/Seat: Catleg House

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Lewis

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Neg. loc.: Mt. SHPO, Crossville MS.

Tupelo arch.

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2nd - 7/50 - 100 to 100 ft. - 15

100 to 100 ft. - 15

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Neg. for Mid. 24, 100 to 100 ft. - 15

Chicken houses. View from east

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Walt/Scott's Catalog Her. at

Frederick County

Photo Janet Davis

11-1-1960

Neg. loc. in Md. 3HPO, Crownsville Md.

Chicken house, Southeast corner of road

5/6



